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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live and have a business in a rural community and I that is why I believe local broadband providers are so critical to rural communities. I am now connected by fiber and I was previously connected with competitive DSL. I also have competitive telephone service. I say no to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

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